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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

A three (3) month extension of time, from June 17, 2008, to and including September 17, 2008, is requested to respond to the non-final Office Action, mailed March 17, 2008 in the above-referenced application. In view of the small entity status of Applicant, please find enclosed a credit card payment form covering the small entity extension fee of **\$525.00**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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